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1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Gordon Chase at the White House called requesting that I forward to him a copy of the Stennis transcript of yesterday. I gave him a gentle "no" and he telephoned during the evening stating he had talked with McGeorge Bundy about this who stated the President had reiterated his desire that all hearings be forwarded to the White House for review. Chase understood my position and I said I would seek further word on this.

2. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Jim Kendall, Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee staff, indicating the Director had considered the matter of some type of public release and indicated that he believed a short interim report on the subject of the intelligence phase of their investigation would be appropriate. Kendall appeared to see many objections to this but said he would take it up with Stennis. Subsequently, he indicated that Stennis was not too sure of how he wished to proceed, suggesting it might be desirable to contact Stennis directly which I shall do.

Talked with Senator Henry M. Jackson on this general subject and he was very strong in his view that an interim report posed no difficulty and that this was a proper vehicle. He stated he would talk to Stennis on this as he thought it was very important in the interest of the country as a whole that something be done.

3. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Bill Cannon, Bureau of the Budget, about our early retirement legislation. He indicated they were going to stick on the point of investing any gift funds in governments only and further stated their actuarial people wanted it to be understood that past experience factors would not necessarily be a guide for the future and that we might well have to appropriate an additional amount. In an effort to get the Bureau of the Budget moving I requested Cannon as to why they could not simply put their views in a letter and we will then make up our minds as to what action to take, if any. Cannon said he hoped to be able to get us a letter tomorrow.